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Barton County Library-\$7,609

Barton County Library will provide an eight-week summer reading program for area children, teens and adults that will offer reading challenges, special events and weekly activities for every age group. Program events will be welcoming to all area residents, offering many ways in which they can connect with the library.

Bonne Terre Memorial Library-\$2,580

This grant will incorporate distance programming, take and make craft projects and virtual programming into a revamped Summer Reading Program thereby creating an outreach to those underserved who tended to fall between the cracks of past summer reading programs.

Canton Public Library-\$5,180

Canton Public Library will offer weekly storytimes and themed programs. Local artisans and agencies, such as the Police and Conservation Departments, the Arts Council, the Canton Festival Theatre, Parents as Teachers instructors, and professors from Culver-Stockton College will be used to help with the programs. In addition to normal promotion tools, the director will bike around the community delivering materials.

Cape Girardeau Public Library-\$6,761

This grant offers a virtual summer reading program supplemented by activity kits.

Carrollton Public Library-\$8,000

This collaboration of the Carrollton Public Library and the Norborne Public Library for summer 2021 will target early learners and older children, providing learning enrichment opportunities and encouraging reading during the summer months to reduce summer learning loss. Community partners, such as veterinarians, dog groomers, breeders, 4-H Club members, and staff from the Missouri Department of Conservation, will provide programs that tie to the Tails and Tales theme.

Carter County Library-\$5,679

This grant will allow the library to collaborate with the schools and bring the summer reading program to children that have never been to the public library. Weekly activities and programs will be offered.

Carthage Public Library-\$8,000

In addition to the traditional story times, story walks, book talks, and teen activities, Carthage will offer a wide array of opportunities for patrons to learn things such as woodworking, cooking, digitization, 3D printing, laser engraving, sewing and other STEAM activities, all of

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which include aspects of literacy. These programs will be available at the library and at outreach locations, such as daycares, schools, student day camps and local parks.

Conran Memorial Library-\$2,550

This summer reading program will focus on children, Pre-K through fourth grade, as many students in this age range are performing below their grade level in reading. Shoot for the Stars in Reading, will help encourage young readers to improve their skills by finding selections that interest them. A fiction and nonfiction book will be read at each session to help participants to distinguish between the two genres. These stories will focus on animals and fairy tales. Each child who attends a session will receive a book to take home. A story related arts and craft project such as painting on canvas, painting on wood, creating a herb garden, and making bath products will be offered.

Crawford County Library District-\$5,467

Crawford County Library will utilize virtual and in-person programs to target Pre-K and school age children who may not have experienced the needed literacy skill and ability growth during the past school year due to quarantines, limited access to classroom time, and limited facility with online/hybrid schooling models. Participants will be encouraged to continue reading through the summer, offering assistance in selection of materials, a creative outlet that involves a focus on writing skills (play writing and character creation), public speaking (performances), and adaptations/summarizations of their reading (My Story about That Story!). The theme, Tails and Tales, lends itself very well to a puppetry presentation that addresses several aspects of literacy - reading, making meaning, writing, and speaking.

Daviess County Library-\$6,854

BRIDGE-ing TAILS AND TALES in Daviess County Missouri, is designed to B.uild partnerships, R.ealize alternate delivery, I.nspire learning, D.eliver food, G.ive a connection, and E.ncourage reading. The project will reinforce reading habits by taking summer reading programing, books, and food to children unable to visit the libraries and encourage adults to engage with children in their circle of influence by not only rewarding their personal reading, but recognizing the importance of time spent reading to/with children.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library-\$7,227

Programs held at Doniphan and Naylor Libraries will empower and motivate children of all ages and abilities to develop positive attitudes about reading and to maintain reading skills during summer vacation. Three professional presenters and three local presenters will offer theme-related programs. In addition, weekly story times and book discussions, a weekly craft or activity for three age groups of children, and passive programs (like story walks and craft

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packets) will be used to encourage those that cannot attend in-person to still participate in the program.

Gentry County Library-\$8,000

The emphasis of summer reading programs for the Gentry County Library will be to help close the gap for summer learning loss. To this end, a traditional reading program will be offered, in partnership with community organizations.

Hannibal Free Public Library-\$7,127

The Library will host various weekly programs such as Teen Night, Preteen Party, Babies and Books, Read and Glue programs, and educational presenters. These programs will generally follow the animal theme and will incorporate guests, crafts, book discussions, and STEAM and STEM activities.

Joplin Public Library-\$7,996

Joplin Public Library will offer an all-ages summer reading program that will encourage reading and literacy improvement for individuals and the community. Programs utilizing community partners will be offered to multiple age groups.

Kansas City Public Library-\$8,000

The Kansas City Public Library's 2021 summer reading program will focus on three components serving youth ages 0-18. 1. Activity kits for youth, preschool through high school, will be distributed at the Library's branches and outreach events, as well as through organizations that serve youth; 2. Internships for teens working on digital projects at the Library's media lab; and 3. Internships for teens planning summer programming for teens

Kirkwood Public Library-\$8,000

This Library will emphasize summer reading as a method of preventing summer learning loss for school age children and teens. Project staff will provide weekly crafts for preschool and elementary age children, in addition to storytimes and special literacy-based programming. For teens, the Library will offer volunteer opportunities, a Teen Advisory Board, a Social Justice Arts class, and special craft programs. The Library will partner with educational camps, schools, daycare centers, and local community organizations that support families and youth in Kirkwood, to reach children with transportation barriers.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries-\$8,000

Little Dixie Regional Libraries will provide programming and events for adults and youth, with a special focus on serving families with young children. Patrons who may not be able to visit a library branch will be reached through a variety of outreach measures within the county. The

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Library will work closely with area low-income housing associations, the local prison, and area churches who offer free lunch programs, to reach at-risk populations.

Lockwood Public Library-\$2,871

This grant focus is on coming together as a community. Local daycares, churches, and schools will help get children to scheduled events. Children are encouraged to read about various subjects, not just in their comfort zones. The local 4-H, the Dickerson Park Zoo, a professional storyteller, and the local conservation office will be used to present theme related programs.

Marshall Public Library-\$6,191

The Marshall Public Library will provide a virtual program for all ages but with a special focus on children and teens. The materials and programs will focus on animals and nature. The virtual story times, crafting sessions, and virtual book clubs for children, teens, and adults will be accompanied by weekly grab and go craft kits. Outreach efforts will be expanded by holding special live virtual programming with children at the local YMCA Day Camp.

McDonald County Library-\$8,000

McDonald County Library will encourage reading and exploration of the arts based on the Tails and Tales national theme. Activities and educational programs will be offered to children, teens, and adults in an effort to foster reading and learning during the summer months. In addition to weekly programs, the Library will offer passive programs through its first-ever makerspace.

Moniteau County Library-\$8,000

The summer reading program is provided to four schools in the library district. In addition to programs designed for primary and elementary aged children, programming for teen readers will be implemented in 2021. Programs will also be provided for community daycares and day camps, and evening programs and will be provided for children who have time restrictions due to family vacations and summer sports programs.

Mound City Public Library-\$5,300

Mound City Public Library seeks to instill an early love of reading and literacy to raise a generation of children who are not only literate, but also curious and passionate about achieving their educational goals. Catch a Story by the "Tale," will involve children in a program specifically designed to get them back into some form of social normalcy, stimulate their interest in reading, learning to read, and bolstering their reading skills. Programs by local and professional presenters will be followed by a variety of fun and exciting activities, including arts and crafts, experiments, storytimes, singing, dancing, and more. The children will also be

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offered independent activities to take home with them to share with and encourage family reading time.

Neosho Newton County Library-\$7,993

The Library will partner with school districts, Head Starts, Christian schools and home school communities in the county, to reach unserved populations. The Library will provide weekly story time events for all ages and an online or in-library reading challenge opportunity that introduces participants to different genres and different areas of the library. Passive programs will include weekly story walks in area parks, and Take and Make craft kits, distributed at the library. Two educational presenters will provide programs about animals and reading.

Nevada Public Library-\$4,070

Nevada Public Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for children birth through 18 years. Participants may choose to enroll in one of four traditional age based programs.

New Madrid County Library-\$2,410

Through Empowering Youngsters for Early School Success, the NMCL system will hold events for children ages 6-10 in each of the seven library branches using the "Tails and Tales" program. NMCL will also partner with the New Madrid County Resource Center to hold sessions for pre-readers, age 0-5, and their parents during the June and July monthly meetings for the Right from the Start Home Visitation and Missouri Mentoring Partnership Young Parent programs.

Ozark Regional Library-\$8,000

Ozark Regional Library will offer a summer library program designed for children and teens. The program, Tails and Tales from the Ozarks: Lakes, Creeks, and Ponds, will focus on folklore and how to reimagine those tales in local ecosystems. This adaptation of the national theme was chosen to promote nature literacy in an age steeped in technology. It will encourage resourceful learning and promote the love of the area's natural features. It is pandemic-friendly with an emphasis on the outdoors.

Polk County Library-\$5,540

The Polk County Library 2021 Summer Reading Program will target individuals of all ages to promote an interest in reading and the continued development of literacy skills throughout summer months, with the ultimate goal to maintain or increase the reading ability of program participants. The 2021 program will incorporate weekly programs for children held at all four Polk County locations. Programs are divided into age groups of Babies and Toddlers (0-3 years), Pre-K and Kindergarten (4-5 years), and Elementary (6-12 years), teens and adults. One-time

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educational presentations will be hosted throughout the summer, to provide a variety of programming options to participants.

Ralls County Library-\$3,055

While younger children are the primary target audience for Ralls County Library's reading programs, this project endeavors to include all ages in an effort to promote reading and related activities for the entire family. This year's theme of Tales and Tails will be used to offer a variety of programs that appeal to all ages and reading levels. The Library plans to offer featured books and stories aimed at groups ranging from Pre-K through high school. In addition to offering weekly reading events, the Library will provide virtual instruction and materials for 'take and make' crafts related to the weekly theme, interactive outreach opportunities to explore animal habitats and outdoor-themed activities.

Riverside Regional Library-\$8,000

Riverside Regional Library will hold a summer reading program consisting of continued reading, educational presentations, and activities geared for individuals of all age and abilities. Special program events, which use the Tails and Tales theme, will be held to further engage the participants and/or reluctant readers.

Rolla Public Library-\$8,000

This project plans to merge in-person and virtual programming to serve the highest number of patrons. The target audience is all ages, with families being a major program emphasis. An outdoor courtyard with shade, a small stage, and new seating is being renovated in early 2021 and will be used as often as possible for safe outdoor programming. Virtual programming will feature video productions from staff. The library also plans to expand outreach to area seniors and provide them with Grab 'n Go activity bags and recorded programs.

Sikeston Public Library-\$7,250

The Sikeston Public Library will present the summer reading program, Tails and Tales. focusing on different animals around the world on all seven continents. Stories will be enhanced with crafts, songs, games, and animal presentations. The community room will be utilized as a STEAM/Exploration room to further enhance books read during story times. Patrons will be able to explore animal habitats and anatomy, color, build, and learn more about animals around the world through a variety of hands-on experiences with microscopes, preserved animal specimens, manipulatives, and books on cd. Three special presentations relevant to the theme "Tails and Tales" will be held twice daily during the 8 week period.

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Springfield-Greene County Library-\$8,000

The Summer Reading to Go Literacy Enrichment Program will provide learning opportunities designed to motivate children and their families to read during the summer months. The Read Together program (developed by Santa Barbara Public Library) will be adapted for children attending local summer day camp programs. This program teaches young readers storytelling skills, then challenges them to read to younger children. Library staff will provide Reading Buddy storytelling training for kids in grades 3 - 5 at partner sites over several sessions. Staff will create and share literacy kits for families participating in food pantry and community meal site programs in the community. Furthermore, library staff will provide in-person programs at sites serving the target audience. Alternatively, staff will record virtual storytimes and programs for sites to share with the youth at their location to go along with program kits delivered to their site. StoryWalks® will be installed in strategic locations in the county throughout the summer, making books, family reading and literacy experiences accessible to more families.

St. Charles City-County Library-\$8,000

The St. Charles City-County Library will provide a summer reading program to encourage early literacy and combat the “summer slide” through providing a unique reading and activity challenge for early learners, ages 0-5, and children, ages 6-12. These “Tails and Tales”-themed challenges will be available online and on a physical game board. Challenges will include early literacy skills such as singing and talking for early learners, and skill-appropriate reading and activity challenges for older groups. To reach people living below the poverty line, the library will offer Lunch @ the Library, Pop-Up Libraries throughout the county, and expand services to in-home daycares.

St. Louis County Library-\$7,114

St. Louis County Library is developing a Summer Reading Club By Mail program. The library will partner with Jennings and Hancock Place school districts in high-need areas of the County to determine the best candidates for this service. During the Summer Reading Club, the Library will mail logs and reading materials to 50 families within the two school districts, so they can participate without needing to come to a library branch.

Stone County Library-\$7,190

Stone County Library will hold a 9-week summer reading program based on the 2021 national theme, Tails and Tales, offering programs and activities relevant to all ages, with a strong focus on children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

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Trails Regional Library-\$7,750

Together with partners, Trails Regional Library will provide reading logs, journals, and Take and Make activities to encourage reading for all ages across Johnson and Lafayette Counties. The eight week program will feature different animal themes each week to correspond to reading tasks and activities. Patrons will sign up to be on one of three representative animal teams. These teams will consist of patrons across all age groups and include tasks such as reading, journaling, completing educational scavenger hunts, attending educational presentations, and completing library Take and Make kits.

University City Public Library-\$8,000

The University City Public Library will offer a Summer Library Program for two age groups. The Adult Summer Reading program includes a series of book discussions and enrichment programs entitled: Choose Your Own Challenge, where participants choose between reading *The Portable Frederick Douglass* or *The Good Lord Bird*. The 2021 youth summer reading program will have components for all children and teens, using the theme Tails and Tales. Educational programs will include programs by the St. Louis Zoo and the Endangered Wolf Center. In 2021, youth services staff will utilize their long-standing partnership with the School District of University City to promote all events.